

## **NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS COUNCIL OF CLARK COUNTY**

**DECEMBER 8, 2003**

### **MEETING MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order by chairman Doug Ballou. Introductions were made and the following people were in attendance: Ron Price, Pleasant Highlands; Susan Gilbert, Enterprise/Paradise Point; Don Wastler, citizen; Sam Kim, Greater Brush Prairie; Art Stubbs, Green Meadows; Bud Van Cleve, NE Hazel Dell; Dan George, Vancouver-Clark Parks and Recreation; Holly Gaya, Clark County; Doug Ballou, NACCC Chair; Bridget Schwarz, Friends of Clark County; George Vartanian, Fairgrounds; Hank Rolfs, North Salmon Creek.

#### **Announcements:**

Doug announced that the North County Health Advisory meeting was cancelled and has been re-scheduled. He will report to us in February.

The NACCC letter in support of comments made by the Greater Brush Prairie and Pleasant Highlands Neighborhood Associations regarding the Lakeside Industries DEIS for the proposed Brush Prairie Asphalt Plant was submitted by Sam Kim at the public hearing held on December 3, 2003. The letter was prepared and submitted per request of membership at the November NACCC meeting.

The Clark County Commissioners continue to hear public testimony regarding the proposed Comprehensive Land Use Plan. The public hearing is scheduled for December 9 at 10 a.m. and continuing in the evening with the closing of public comment at that time. The Commissioners will then deliberate.

#### **Special Guest Speaker: Dan George, Vancouver-Clark Parks & Recreation**

Dan came to speak to us about the proposal to form a Metropolitan Park District for the unincorporated area within the Vancouver Urban Growth Boundary (VUGB). This new district would have taxing authority on property providing funding to maintain parks within the VUGB. The GMA allows jurisdictions to impose a park impact fee for the development and acquisition of park land but there was no vehicle available to fund maintenance. Park Impact fees and REET funds collected over the past several years for the acquisition and development must be spent within six years or returned to the Developer with interest. It is nearing the time when many of the funds collected must be spent. This new district can help to get these undeveloped parks in place as well as provide the funds for maintenance.

Dan stated that a telephone survey will go out shortly to a cross-section of citizens to receive input about the proposed District and new property tax. The cost is estimated to be approximately \$30-\$40/year on property with \$150,000 value. There was some discussion about this figure being high. It is estimated that the development will be aggressive in the first five years and tapering off in the last five years. The formula used for parks is 6 acres per thousand people with a certain portion left in a natural state if applicable.

Vancouver-Clark Parks & Recreation staff will be meeting January 21 with the BOCC to present the proposal. It was suggested that we need to find out what the actual budget numbers will be. Also said, that in order to make this successful, people need to see where the parks will be before they will support forming this new district and property tax.

**Lakeside Industries DEIS Public Hearing**

Sam Kim, Greater Brush Prairie thanked NACCC for its support of their concerns about the Lakeside DEIS as expressed in the letter he presented on behalf of NACCC at the hearing. He praised John Karpinski for his impassioned presentation to the hearings examiner.

**Neighborhood News**

Ron Price-Pleasant Highlands reported that their group is focusing on growth in the area due to annexation.

Bridget Schwarz, FoCC announced that the FoCC will host a Public Forum on the “Cost of Growth” to be held the first Wednesday of January at the Public Service building. There will be many speakers, including Craig Pridemore and Doug Ballou.

Susan Gilbert, Enterprise/Paradise Point reported that her board of directors was going to meet with Cowlitz tribal leaders as well as a spokesperson for a coalition opposing the tribe’s trust application. Her board believes that it is important to hear opposing views of the proposed development of the 319<sup>th</sup> St. overpass land owned by the Cowlitz. She also mentioned that they were concerned about arsenic showing up in north county wells, although none had been found within their neighborhood parameters yet.

George Vartanian, Fairgrounds, announced that they were waiting to hear about traffic solutions concerning the amphitheatre traffic nightmares.

Bud Van Cleve, NE Hazel Dell, announced plans for their annual Christmas party with many donations coming in from all over town. There will be cookie decorating, face painting, carnival games, drawings for bikes and helmets. Date is December 18 at Hazel Dell Elementary School. They are expecting a huge turnout.

He also reported that progress is coming along in the formation of a volunteer code enforcement group which will be covering the county to report code violations. This has worked in many communities all over the U.S. and all of us agreed that it could work here as well. It is in the planning stages at this point with no specifics worked out yet but there will be meetings held and he will let us know as they occur.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Gilbert, Secretary

Reviewed by Doug Ballou, 12/9/03